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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Read:-

From the Honorary Secretary, Indian Psychiatric Society, No. 61-90/Psy. dated 9.2.48.
From the Surgeon-General, R.No. 52560/Res.I. dated 28.6.1948.

Order:-

. The Government have considered the recommendations for improvements in the facilities for the prevention and treatment of mental disorders, made at the First Annual General Meeting of the Indian Psychiatric Society held in January 1948 and they proceed to pass the following orders:-

(a) Psychiatric clinics:-The question of opening of Psychiatric clinic in the Government General Hospital, Madras, is under consideration separately. The Surgeon-General is requested to submit proposals for the opening of such a clinic in the Government Stanley Hospital also;

(b) Mental Hospitals:-

(i) Separation of criminal insanes:- This has already been done in this Province. The Mental Jail, Cuddalore is a special institution for the detention of criminal insanes and mental defectives in jails, Borstal Schools and Certified Schools, but ~~is~~ is not situa ted in the vicinity of a Mental Hospital as suggeste in the resolution. In view of the serious overcrowding in Jails, the Government are considering the question of transferring the inmates of the Mental Jail, Cuddalore to the Mental Hospital, Madras.

(ii) Separation of early and curable cases:- The Surgeon-General is requested to report whether the additional buildings proposed for the accommodation of 200 patients in the Madras Mental Hospital, cannot be utilised for the separation of early and curable cases for long time chronic cases.

(c) Psychiatric education:- The Government agree with the Surgeon-General, the provision of inpatient teaching facilities in near large medical college hospitals is not necessary and that the existing arrangements and the outpatient department sanctioned for the Madras Mental Hospital are sufficient for the present. He is requested to submit proposals for starting a Diploma course in Psychiatric Medicine in Madras, without requisitioning foreign talent with teaching reputation. Nurses are already being given special training in Mental ~~Hospital~~ Hospitals. The Surgeon-General is requested to continue them in such institutions as long as possible, the Government consider that the transfer of such nurses need not be ruled out altogether.

(d) Jail administration:- The Government are considering the question of employing a Psychiatrist in each Jail. They agree to the suggestion that the medical officer for the mental jail

should be selected from those with a knowledge of psychiatry or a degree in Psychiatry and that those at present employed may be given short courses in Mental Hospitals or Universities which organise such training courses.

q(e) Administrative aspect:- The Government have considered the question of appointing the Superintendent, Madras Mental Hospital, as Psychiatric Adviser and dropped it as there is no need for such an appointment.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor).

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21.10.48.

To

The Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, Madras.
The Inspector-General of Prisons through the Home Department.
The Accountant-General, Madras.
The Home Department.

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